

What They're Saying...

...About The Interdepartmental Health Report On Past LBAM Treatment

Everyone agrees, public should “rely on sound science” and shut the door on false information:

California Association of Professional Scientists President Patty Velez: “The report released by the joint health departments revealed that there is no link between the Light Brown Apple Moth spraying program and reported symptoms. In fact, it underscores the importance of a sound scientific evaluation in what has turned into a controversial but important aerial spraying program.” (State Can't Establish Link Between Spray, Illness, *Monterey County Herald*, 4/10/08)

California Association of Professional Scientists President Patty Velez: “The most important finding the public can take from today's report is to rely on sound science that includes factual information on health and safety issues.” (State Can't Establish Link Between Spray, Illness, *Monterey County Herald*, 4/10/08)

California Grower Foundation President Rebecca Barlow: “We recognize and appreciate Secretary Kawamura's personal commitment to educate and inform the people of California about this pest. We thank the state for their hard work and continued positive progress.” (California Grower Foundation Press Release, 4/10/08)

California Citrus Mutual President Joel Nelson: “We empathize with those who are afraid of any eradication program, but ask that they educate themselves and shut the door on the false information that the Central Coast has been inundated with.” (Joel Nelson, President, California Citrus Mutual, 4/10/08)

Agricultural leaders call LBAM an “economic,” “consumer” and “environmental” issue:

California Grape & Tree Fruit League President Barry Bedwell: “We all stand to benefit greatly as we move forward...to prevent the further spread of this pest which would cause damage not only to producers of California's food supply but to consumers and the environment as well.” (Barry Bedwell, President, California Grape & Tree Fruit League, 4/10/08)

Monterey Farm Bureau President Jason Smith: “We must eradicate this invasive pest to protect our natural environment and to sustain our rural economy. The light brown apple moth threatens to infest our forests, natural vegetation, urban landscapes and farms. If unchecked, the moth would damage native plants and would undermine our efforts to reduce pesticide use and improve water quality. It would raise international trade restrictions, erecting barriers to our farm exports and further weakening our rural economy.” (Monterey County Farm Bureau Press Release, 4/10/08)

Monterey Farm Bureau President Jason Smith: “This is far more than a farm pest. The light brown apple moth will also harm home gardens and the Central Coast's pristine natural environment...Other states and nations must be convinced that California is committed to eradication.” (Monterey County Farm Bureau Press Release, 4/10/08)

Newspapers report citizens’ “symptoms were consistent with the common cold, allergies or pollen” and report no link found between spraying and illness:

San Francisco Chronicle: The state study also noted most of the reports – even those requiring medical attention – were consistent with rates of common respiratory problems.” (Health Experts can't Link Spraying to Illness, *San Francisco Chronicle*, 4/11/08)





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Central Valley Business Times: "The most commonly reported symptoms were eye, skin or respiratory irritation that could be consistent with a variety of possible causes, such as allergies, pollen or the common cold." (No Link Proven Between Illness and LBAM Spraying, *Central Valley Business Times*, 4/10/08)

San Mateo County Times: "There is no conclusive link between Light Brown Apple Moth spraying and illness complaints last fall in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties." (Illness Not Linked to Coastal Apple Moth Spraying. *San Mateo County Times*, 4/10/08)

